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2 EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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4 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : 98-CR-01101
5 -against- : U.S. Courthouse
6 FELIX SLATER : Brooklyn, New York

7 DEFENDANT, :
8 - - - - - X April 27th, 2011
9 3:00 o'clock p.m.

10 TRANSCRIPT OF STATUS CONFERENCE
11 BEFORE THE HONORABLE I. LEO GLASSER
12 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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1 THE COURT: Given the Second Circuit's determination
2 that in effect I can deal with your March 17th letter, I
3 called you in because I think we ought to do that. Before we
4 proceed any further, note your appearances for the record.

5 MR. KAMINSKY: Todd Kaminsky and Lisa Kramer for the
6 United States.

7 MR. BEYS: Michael Beys for defendant John Doe.
8 I'm joined by my partners Nader Mobargha and Jason Berland and
9 Mr. Doe is here as well. I didn't invite Mr. Lerner because
10 he's not an appropriate party to this proceeding. You
11 indicated that in your letter, what you refer to as the
12 intervenor.

13 MR. KAMINSKY: There were two letters, the letter
14 that specifically delved into the documents itself was not
15 given to Mr. Lerner.

16 THE COURT: What we have to do, if I'm going to
17 acknowledge the Second Circuit's determination that I have
18 authority to deal with this, we have to go through all the
19 docket entries and I'll permit each of you to give me your
20 views with respect to what may or may not be unsealed, what
21 should continue to be sealed.

22 I don't have those documents before me which I think
23 is something we should have. Your chart simply provides a
24 summary of what's in there. I don't know if that would be
25 enough. I don't know whether the document makes any

1 reference.

2 MR. KAMINSKY: Was it your intention at this date
3 during this conference to go through the documents?

4 THE COURT: I think that's what we should do in
5 order to determine whether there's anything in them which
6 requires a continued sealing, I should think.

7 MR. BEYS: Your Honor, at the appropriate time, I
8 would like to be heard more generally on whether anything
9 should be unsealed at this time. I would like to make a
10 record.

11 MR. BEYS: There are several reasons why I don't
12 think anything should be unsealed at this time.

13 First, certain of the entries that the government
14 has moved to unseal would indirectly reveal Mr. Doe's
15 cooperation; for example, a plea to an information. The 11
16 year lag between a guilty plea and a sentencing as well as the
17 sentence imposed in light of the charges to which he pled.

18 The law is clear and the government's position is
19 clear that the defendant's cooperation should not be revealed.
20 It is our position that the government is misapplying the
21 facts of this case, respectfully, to the applicable law by
22 moving to unseal things which would do the same thing as just
23 saying he cooperated.

24 There's no dispute here and the government argued it
25 just two months ago before the Second Circuit that revealing

1 Mr. Doe's cooperation would pose a substantial risk of grave
2 danger.

3 Something happened ten days after the Second Circuit
4 argument. Mr. Lerner brought to our attention the Eastern
5 District's press release which made it into the congressional
6 record which, in a footnote, indicated John Doe pled guilty to
7 racketeering and securities fraud. The press release was
8 dated March 2nd, 2000.

9 We don't believe that ought to change the analysis
10 at this point, certainly doesn't change the law and the
11 application of the facts to the law. If anything, it shows
12 that that disclosure to the public 11 years ago hasn't
13 amounted to anything. There hasn't been any danger, not
14 because public dissemination of his cooperation wouldn't
15 present a danger, but because it was too long ago and, quite
16 frankly, no one in those criminal circles reads the
17 congressional record.

18 We believe that given there had been press reports,
19 notably a New York Times story on Mr. Doe in December of 2007,
20 that press report coupled with the current litigation in the
21 Southern District where we have a party to a litigation
22 seeking to expose Mr. Doe's conviction and, by extension
23 cooperation. We think that would bring his past very much
24 into focus and the people that he cooperated against who your
25 Honor knows how dangerous they are, all out at liberty and I

1 will make a record who those people are, might have it in for
2 Mr. Doe who lives in the jurisdiction and has a family.

3 It's no small matter that Mr. Doe has spent a
4 fortune trying to put the genie back in the bottle ever since
5 May of 2010 when Mr. Roe first filed his case in the Southern
6 District.

7 Speaking of Mr. Roe, the context here does matter.
8 Your Honor knows some of the facts of what Mr. Roe did to
9 acquire the very information which he filed as an attachment
10 in his Southern District RICO action. Your Honor may not have
11 the full picture and to the extent your Honor deems it
12 relevant, I would like to make a full record of all the stuff
13 we know now that he did.

14 Among other things, we are in the advanced stage of
15 settlement discussions with Mr. Josh Bernstein, the employee
16 of Mr. Doe's former employer, Bayrock Group, the person who
17 took the hard drive. I apologize for the use of my word
18 "steal" because it may not be exactly accurate.

19 What is undisputed from our conversations with
20 Mr. Bernstein is Mr. Roe's clear improper and illegal actions,
21 using his client to benefit another client's case; illegally
22 taking documents and materials which he knew to be privileged,
23 taken under improper circumstances, confidential and sealed,
24 publicly disseminating them in violation of a court order as
25 your Honor very eloquently stated in a March 23rd order, just

1 a month ago and using them with the most improper motives.

2 Mr. Roe has taken -- first of all, he sued everyone
3 under the sun including the legitimate law firms that
4 represented the Bayrock Group in part of a scheme to extort
5 them out of tens of millions of dollars. He has one demand,
6 one written demand for 105 million dollars where the plan is
7 everybody get out of the way, we want to get to the law firms'
8 incorporated carriers who are going to be too embarrassed by
9 the thought of being associated with a convicted felon.

10 It's an implicit admission. The RICO action has no
11 merit but he's looking to get one hundred million dollars,
12 nuisance settlement by virtue of information and documents he
13 got illegitimately.

14 There's also, and I won't go into this in detail,
15 there's a slight possibility of additional ongoing cooperation
16 between Mr. Doe and either his office or potentially other
17 offices.

18 For all those reasons, we believe now is not the
19 time to unseal anything. The law is clear. It's a balancing
20 tests. Mr. Doe's compelling interest in keeping the docket
21 and all its entries sealed is compelling as everyone agrees.
22 Mr. Doe's interest in vindicating not the public's right of
23 access but his own right of access in order to promote a
24 litigation in the Southern District is weak, if it exists at
25 all.

1 For all those reasons, we don't believe now is the
2 time or these are the circumstances in which to unseal
3 anything.

4 THE COURT: Mr. Kaminsky, do you want to respond?

5 MR. KAMINSKY: No, only to say Mr. Base on behalf
6 Mr. Doe has eloquently and persistently made these arguments
7 to my office. In response, we've listened, considered them,
8 conducted threat assessment and at this time without saying
9 more, we're not prepared to say anything different about what
10 was then submitted to your Honor. The only slight exception
11 to that is very recently Mr. Beys has presented to us a new
12 opportunity for Mr. Doe to aid the government in a criminal
13 investigation. All I could say about that is something we're
14 going to look into immediately to see if it has any legs, if
15 you will. At this point we don't know.

16 If your Honor would be inclined, for example, to
17 unseal anything by 5:00 o'clock today, we would ask you to
18 wait, but in general our position is not altered.

19 THE COURT: Let me make two observations. First,
20 Mr. Beys, your eloquent presentation informed me of nothing
21 that I really wasn't aware of except that your apology for
22 using the word "steal" causes me to wonder what is what the
23 appropriate word would have been. I've heard some testimony
24 about that in a hearing I held but the testimony was rather
25 ambiguous, nothing about that testimony which informed me with

1 any degree of certainty as to how the documents, the offending
2 documents got into the hands of Bernstein.

3 The law is pretty clear that documents shouldn't be
4 sealed in perpetuity. The law is pretty clear where the life
5 expectancy of a sealed document has expired; that the need for
6 its continued sealing no longer exists and the document should
7 be unsealed.

8 Now, there are many documents in that file which
9 remain under seal which without any doubt need not continue to
10 be sealed, the substitution of you which I think is still
11 under seal is not a document which requires sealing.

12 There are any number of documents like that, I'm
13 sure, which serve no useful or necessary purpose for either
14 your client or anybody else to remain sealed and would provide
15 no hint or clue of anything if those documents were unsealed.

16 Although the Second Circuit said I have the
17 jurisdiction to determine the question of whether something
18 should be sealed or unsealed, and I suppose construing that
19 language, if I have continuing jurisdiction I can decide to
20 exercise it or not.

21 Quite clearly, there are any number of documents in
22 that file which do not require continued sealing. I wasn't
23 going to undertake to go through each one of those documents
24 by myself because I think even the law would require that the
25 parties directly interested in the sealing issue should be

1 given an opportunity to be heard. I didn't invite Mr. Lerner
2 here because he doesn't represent a party who has a
3 significant interest except a questionably illegitimate one
4 for having the documents remain to be sealed.

5 Notwithstanding your eloquent and unpersuasive view
6 that everything in that file should remain to be sealed, there
7 are documents that need not continue to be sealed.

8 If you're not prepared to deal with the list today,
9 I'll give you an opportunity to go through it and tell me what
10 it is you think absolutely remains to be sealed and not in the
11 public interest because the interest of Mr. Doe may, quite
12 appropriately, outweigh the public interest as it has for the
13 most part in connection with most of the documents that have
14 been sealed.

15 There's no question about the fact there are many
16 documents here that have absolutely no sealing justification
17 whatsoever and with respect to those, I intend to unseal them.

18 I don't know if you saw the last letter I got from
19 Mr. Lerner in response to my March 23rd order which simply
20 asks whether I have jurisdiction or not to continue to deal
21 with your March 17th letter and instead of simply telling me
22 he thinks I do or don't, a nine page letter, requesting, not
23 demanding this time, but requesting I correct virtually
24 everything in that order which was incorrect, misleading, so
25 on.

1 This transcript is going to be sealed for the
2 reasons which were provided by Mr. Beys and Mr. Kaminsky in
3 his last remarks concerning the possibility of ongoing that
4 the government will consider. That portion of the transcript
5 quite clearly is justifiably sealed. Everything else that you
6 have indicated to me is already known. It's a matter of
7 pretty much public record but I'll deal item by item of the
8 items that have been sealed and make a determination whether
9 there's any continuing justification to continue to seal.
10 I'll not go through it now but I'll give you the opportunity
11 to go through it.

12 There are a number of items which come to mind,
13 substitution of counsel being one of them, of the many other
14 items which deal with scheduling matters. They have no
15 significant purpose being sealed.

16 MR. BEYS: Your Honor, we're less concerned with
17 documents that give, to use your Honor's words, no hint or
18 clue of Mr. Doe's cooperation. In fact, just to correct the
19 record, I think the substitution of counsel is not under seal.
20 Your Honor denied the motion to seal.

21 We agree in and of itself a scheduling letter, to
22 adjourn sentence, the sentencing date, does not reveal his
23 cooperation. The problem is the cumulative effect of 20 of
24 those letters over 11 years. That does. That gives more than
25 a hint or clue.

1 I didn't get a chance to actually make a record of
2 the people that Mr. Doe is most concerned about. If you would
3 like me to, I can say quickly, all people your Honor has
4 sentenced, Eddie Garafolo, Gambino soldier, Sammy the Bull's
5 brother-in-law who threatened to kill Mr. Doe even before his
6 cooperation.

7 THE COURT: Sammy threatened to kill his
8 brother-in-law at one point.

9 MR. BEYS: Ernest Montavechi, Daniel persico, also
10 provided informations about Al Qaeda.

11 As the government has stated, Mr. Doe's cooperation
12 was of the depth and breath unseen in these parts. There's no
13 way to know exactly where the threat is going to come from.

14 We would like, if your Honor is on the verge of
15 unsealing documents which in our estimation would give a hint
16 or clue to the underworld, would like at least the opportunity
17 to be heard, maybe with testimony under oath about how real
18 the threat is.

19 Also at the appropriate time Mr. Doe would like to
20 be heard.

21 If your Honor would like to know more about the
22 circumstances in which Mr. Bernstein turned over the hard
23 drive to Mr. Roe, I'm happy to put that on the record now.

24 THE COURT: By all means.

25 MR. BEYS: We've had several meetings with

1 Mr. Bernstein. All this is under seal. We have had
2 conversations with Mr. Bernstein in the context of the
3 litigation in the Southern District and we have been able to
4 confirm both through what he's told us and independently what
5 we believed on some level and prepared to credit it; that is,
6 that he had permission to take a backup of Bayrock's server
7 and all its electronic files, but there came a point shortly
8 after his termination where both Bayrock and Mr. Doe asked for
9 it back. He knew he had it without permission and that came
10 across very clearly --

11 THE COURT: Excuse me. I thought I heard you say
12 he had permission for all those backup files.

13 MR. BEYS: He had permission to take a backup, not
14 to keep it after his termination. He was asked to return it.

15 He let that fact be known to Mr. Roe who he was
16 considering hiring in a lawsuit in Westchester County for
17 unreimbursed travel expenses and other claims via Jody Chris,
18 the plaintiff in the Southern District litigation.

19 THE COURT: I don't have to know anything more than
20 that. With respect to Bernstein, I heard a lot of testimony
21 at the hearing. I have a fairly good sense as to what had
22 occurred. I think I heard testimony about all that before.
23 It's not terribly important for me.

24 In any event --

25 MR. MOBARGHA: Mr. Bernstein had permission to

1 create a backup, not to keep it. I wanted to correct the
2 record on that one, or take it, subsequently take it. That
3 has been established so far in our litigation, just to correct
4 the record.

5 MR. BEYS: What your Honor has heard from Mr. Roe
6 which is lying under oath, all these documents came to him
7 unsolicited. That's not true. Yet, another reason we would
8 like more time is for that litigation to be resolved so we can
9 bring it to your Honor's attention.

10 THE COURT: There was a point in time some months
11 ago when I was involved, which was one of the reasons I did
12 nothing with a motion or request that was before me. There
13 was a stop order at some point which was in existence for a
14 number of months because I was told there was a likelihood, a
15 very significant likelihood that this whole matter where the
16 documents were, whether they're going to be returned, would be
17 resolved.

18 MR. BEYS: That expired. Settlement discussions
19 fell apart. Mr. Doe put in a supplement brief on November
20 24th.

21 THE COURT: With respect to your last request, I
22 obviously was not going to undertake to unseal anything
23 without giving each of you an opportunity to be heard, which
24 is why I called for this conference. I had no intention of
25 going through each document and making a sua sponte

1 determination on my own whether they should or shouldn't be
2 unsealed. That's the purpose of this meeting. I want to give
3 you an opportunity to be heard with respect to it.

4 Now, what it is I would like you to do is you have
5 Mr. Kaminsky's list of documents which he believes should be
6 sealed or shouldn't be sealed or may be sealed or need not be
7 sealed and you've never commented on this, never responded to
8 this. I'm giving you the opportunity to do it.

9 It may be there's a persuasive reason you can
10 advance or the government can, Mr. Kaminsky is speaking on
11 behalf of the government that is wrong, if so, I'll consider
12 it.

13 MR. KAMINSKY: There's kind of a housekeeping
14 issue. This list goes up and until the date of Mr. Doe's
15 sentence and slightly thereafter. It ends with the statement
16 of reasons, but of course, we kind of enter a new phase when
17 the proceedings regarding Mr. Roe begin and there have been
18 numerous submissions, I don't think it would be improper to
19 characterize them as voluminous filings in this case.

20 THE COURT: They are beginning to occupy half my
21 chambers.

22 MR. KAMINSKY: What the government has not done yet
23 and it may have to do, for example, looking at a 30 page legal
24 filing to determine how one deals with that, it's kind of a
25 logistical issue in that the court's docket keeps growing but

1 the government doesn't get that in real time because it's a
2 sealed docket. Therefore, it's difficult for the government
3 to know what every filing is, how it's organized. Of course,
4 some of them are quite long and the government has yet to sit
5 down and make a determination, for example, in a legal brief
6 that may be 40 pages of what can or can't be unsealed.

7 I don't know what your Honor or Mr. Beys's feelings
8 are, but I want to note this chart, hopefully, will get us
9 some of the way there, but it isn't a full reckoning, if you
10 will, of the court's docket.

11 THE COURT: Do you happen to have a copy of the
12 Second Circuit's last orders?

13 MR. BEYS: Yes, your Honor, the one granting your
14 Honor jurisdiction?

15 THE COURT: Yes.

16 (Pause.)

17 THE COURT: I'm reading the Second Circuit order.
18 I don't suppose I'm going to get letters from three parties
19 now disagreeing as to what this order means and asking for the
20 Court of Appeals to clarify.

21 In any event, the district court retains
22 jurisdiction to decide the government's motion. That's that
23 March 17th motion to unseal. The court has jurisdiction.
24 This court has jurisdiction to decide the government's motion
25 to unseal as well as to decide any other pending or future

1 motions to unseal that would not result in the public
2 disclosure of docket entries, underlined documents that
3 reference John Doe's cooperation with the government. That's
4 underlined, which requires some construction as to whether any
5 given document references John Doe's cooperation with the
6 government and whether the jurisdiction with respect to
7 sealing or unsealing is limited to that explicit limitation
8 which is a matter of to consider.

9 There are a lot of things if that order is to be
10 complied with as I understand it, a limitation having been
11 imposed by the Second Circuit. There are lots of documents
12 which make docket entries or underlying documents that do not
13 refer to John Doe's cooperation with the government. It may
14 be a proper interpretation of that order is no justification
15 for their remaining to be sealed.

16 The whole sealing issue arose only because when
17 Mr. Doe, when Jonathan Sach first filed that action, he filed
18 it under seal and then I didn't know, I didn't recall but I
19 had no doubt there was an order that I must have issued in
20 some form under some circumstances and when you turned it up,
21 where did you find that minute entry, that day sheet? I had
22 no knowledge it ever existed which is why I made that
23 statement on the record at one point. I couldn't find any
24 order directing that anything be sealed.

25 Interestingly enough, given 30 years of having

1 responded and said "so ordered" I don't know how many times,
2 at the end of the plea, except you forgot to make that request
3 at the sentencing, the government or defense counsel always
4 says "Judge, I would like to make an application that this
5 proceeding be sealed," and invariably I would say "so
6 ordered," and I would generally add "I suppose you want a
7 caveat to be made that a copy of the transcript may be made
8 available to either party upon request?" Everybody nods and I
9 say "so ordered."

10 That's precisely what happened because that day
11 sheet clearly indicates case sealed, transcript sealed and I
12 understand questionably said "so ordered." Otherwise it
13 wouldn't have said sealed. That's why it happened, that order
14 back then, but I had no clue that that piece of paper was
15 around. Louise Schillat hasn't been around here for years.
16 We found court papers, documents filed up in the corner of the
17 office that she would have occupied had she still been here
18 which is one of the reasons I discharged her. That's neither
19 here nor there.

20 In any event, where did you find that piece of
21 paper?

22 MR. KAMINSKY: Your Honor, Augie found it.

23 THE COURT: All that having been said, Mr. Beys,
24 you can prepare, you will prepare a response to the
25 government's view as to what they believe no longer need be

1 sealed and you can make your case for the position which
2 you've advocated and I'll deal with it.

3 MR. KAMINSKY: I don't know what your universe of
4 documents you have is. Do you think it makes sense for both
5 of us with the court copy, the official lined-up copy to have
6 that in here, have us go through that so we're all on the same
7 page with what's what?

8 THE COURT: Absolutely. That's what I contemplated
9 happening here when I called both of you in.

10 MR. KAMINSKY: I've gone through everything here.
11 I have a stack of what should be unsealed, what shouldn't be,
12 but I think, so we're all working with the same thing, it may
13 make sense to do it here with the court's copy.

14 THE COURT: Do you have copies, court copies? I
15 think Augie provided copies.

16 MR. KAMINSKY: He did. It only goes through what I
17 asked for. If certain things were filed subsequent to that, I
18 may not have them. I do have everything referencing.

19 THE COURT: I believe he made copies of everything
20 he was able to find that was sealed. I've checked with him.
21 I have maybe two big folders of the documents which he copied,
22 took out of the vault which are the documents we have to go
23 through for me to make some intelligent determination whether
24 sealing is appropriate.

25 MR. BEYS: May Mr. Doe be heard?

1 THE COURT: By all means.

2 MR. DOE: Thank you very much. I've been before
3 your Honor for many years in this courtroom. I understand
4 there is a legal issue and there's my desire or fear, things
5 of that nature. There's a balance between what the public's
6 right to know and what my right is to try to stop it.

7 With all due respect to the government, always had a
8 wonderful working relationship as opposed to being
9 adversarial. Mr. Kaminsky and I had a meeting with the FBI
10 agent, a different matter two months ago. I could take the
11 position I don't need to help the government with anything, I
12 completed what I was supposed to do. That's not my position.

13 I have tried very hard to change my life around,
14 very hard, and I have.

15 Your Honor, the documents were stolen. That is a
16 fact. Josh Bernstein was told to create a backup. He took it
17 home with him. We asked him to return it. He didn't. The
18 attorney that we're speaking about, speaking of Mr. Roe, told
19 Kelly Moore and Ms. Moore said that to you as well, he told
20 her straight away we're not interested in going after Felix.
21 We know he doesn't have any money. We're going after the
22 lawyers' insurance companies.

23 It's a travesty of justice in this case. I'm not
24 sure who is the racketeering in this situation. This is
25 clearly racketeering by this guy.

1 They had the case dismissed in a Delaware action. I
2 believe, everybody believes once this gets to Judge Buchwald,
3 I think it's going to be dismissed on 10 different reasons and
4 Mr. Beys has told me so, Kelly Moore has told me so. They do
5 not have a real legitimate reason to want these documents
6 other than to besmirch members of your profession.

7 They accuse me of conspiring with Nixon Peabody.
8 Your Honor, before God, before you, everybody in this room, I
9 swear to you on my children, there's not one iota of truth in
10 any allegation they're saying. It does not involve any type
11 of scheme of any sort. I promise you that and I give you my
12 word. The government has known that I've always been honest.
13 In 10 or 12 years I've never lied about anything.

14 I believe this issue more or less goes away if
15 they're given a chance to file the lawsuit which will be
16 dismissed in 15 seconds.

17 It is one thing for somebody to assume, for Danny
18 Persico to assume I may or may not have cooperated. There's
19 this article but what's going on, can't tell, sort of gray
20 area. It's my own fault for associating with these people in
21 the first place. I cannot blame 91, but when I started, my
22 oldest daughter was in kindergarten. God willing, tomorrow
23 I'm taking her for a college interview, going away to college.
24 It's many many years. That being said, these people do not
25 kid around.

1 Do I believe if something is unsealed tomorrow, that
2 tomorrow Danny Persico is going to kill me? I believe they
3 will find out about it and I believe I could go visit my
4 grandmother who is in Brighton Beach, just walking to my car,
5 somebody says Ah, let's get this guy, as easy as that. For
6 these people, it doesn't count for anything, a human life
7 doesn't matter. It's part of their life to kill people.

8 This court has been fantastic to me. The sentence
9 your Honor gave me, if you remember, my rabbi was in the room,
10 he almost cried. You have done fantastic for me. The
11 government has done wonderful for me.

12 I tried very hard. If there's any way for as much
13 of it to remain sealed as possible, I spent half a million
14 dollars in legal costs in this issue because I believe my life
15 is in danger, because my life would be in shambles, I would be
16 looking over my shoulder.

17 The Second Circuit basically said the issue is a
18 threat to my life and the government has said it's a threat to
19 my life. Your Honor has said it's a threat to my life. That
20 has not changed. That really has not changed in any way.

21 Of course, a substitution of counsel is something
22 that's not going to say oh, he cooperated against us, but your
23 Honor, 20 adjournments? I think anybody with half an
24 understanding of the criminal system and these guys have an
25 understanding of the criminal system because they're always in

1 the system, you get 20 adjournments over a 10 or 12 year
2 period, you're cooperating. There's no rhyme or reason. In
3 fact, such a long time, it's almost a given.

4 I have spent my life savings at this point trying to
5 stop this from being opened and not being opened for a
6 legitimate reason but outright extortion what these people are
7 doing, they're trying to extort Peabody. Is there any doubt I
8 conspired with five of the top law firms to defraud somebody?
9 It's a joke.

10 I ask, I beg for the government and to try to be --
11 to try to keep as much sealed as possible.

12 THE COURT: Thank you.

13 MR. DOE: Thank you for hearing me.

14 There's nothing further for us to do here this
15 afternoon.

16 You said something at the very end, Mr. Kaminsky,
17 about a little more time to resolve some other possibility of
18 a relationship with Mr. Doe?

19 MR. KAMINSKY: That's correct.

20 THE COURT: May impact upon this motion of yours?

21 MR. KAMINSKY: That's correct.

22 THE COURT: Be a little more specific if you can be
23 in terms of time. I don't need any details.

24 MR. KAMINSKY: I think within a week we'll know.

25 THE COURT: You said something about 5:00 o'clock.

1 What was that all about?

2 MR. KAMINSKY: I was just saying if your Honor was
3 going to unseal something before 5:00 o'clock today, we ask it
4 be delayed.

5 THE COURT: I'm not unsealing anything until I've
6 given you an opportunity to be heard. That's the whole
7 purpose of getting you here.

8 MR. KAMINSKY: I assume it doesn't have to be on
9 the record or official or on the calendar, but Mr. Beys and I
10 may may call Ms. Francis, the courtroom deputy, to schedule a
11 time where both of us and the documents could be present in
12 the same place, preferably in this courtroom?

13 THE COURT: Yes. The calendar today indicates John
14 Doe, status conference. The docket number is also indicated on
15 the calendar? I don't know if it's necessary. It's an
16 interesting issue what docketing is all about which we'll have
17 to deal with as a further basis.

18 This transcript is sealed, Mr. Silverman. There's
19 no caveat that I'm being asked for but if there is a caveat,
20 you can make your application and I'll so order that as well.

21 MR. BEYS: Nothing from John Doe, thank you.

22 MR. KAMINSKY: I do have a quick scheduling issue.
23 For all the parties in the room, I will be out of the country
24 for an extended period from May 13 through Memorial Day.
25 Obviously, there will be others in my office that would be

1 able to deal with an issue, if one were to arise. If there is
2 anything that your Honor would need to discuss, it's obviously
3 my preference since I'm the most familiar with these
4 documents; that we would meet before the 13th or after
5 Memorial Day.

6 THE COURT: When is Memorial Day?

7 MR. KAMINSKY: The 30th. I'm back the following
8 day.

9 THE COURT: Let's fix another date. You'll
10 prepare whatever it is I suggest you'll prepare?

11 MR. BEYS: Yes.

12 THE COURT: How much time do you think you'll need?

13 MR. BEYS: Two to three weeks.

14 THE COURT: By all means. There's no great urgency
15 about it. I think the last letter I got from Mr. Lerner
16 insisting that be sealed.

17 MR. BEYS: A demand.

18 THE COURT: No, it wasn't a demand, just a request.

19 MR. KAMINSKY: Now that the government has filed
20 its appellate submission, there's no rush for anything to be
21 resolved.

22 THE COURT: Thank you very much.

23 MR. BEYS: We prefer for it to be in early June.

24 THE COURT: Let me have the first week in early
25 June. Is that okay for you?

1 MR. KAMINSKY: Yes, your Honor. Hopefully before
2 that date, Mr. Beys and I could develop a thorough
3 understanding of each document and our positions on each.

4 THE COURT: If you need me for that purpose, I
5 think I may have a couple of folders of documents in my
6 chambers. You may have the same copies that Augie provided.

7 MR. KAMINSKY: Other than the 1st of June, I'm
8 available.

9 THE CLERK: How about the 3rd at noon?

10 MR. KAMINSKY: That's fine with us.

11 MR. BEYS: The third at noon.

12 THE COURT: Thank you.

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